

I support the action proposed by Martin Spies. Both the genus name *Orthocladius* and the subfamily name ORTHOCLADIINAE are now very well-founded in chironomid taxonomy and nomenclature, and a subsequent change in these names would cause much confusion among both taxonomists and freshwater ecologists. I therefore urge the Commission to fix the type species of *Orthocladius* to *Chironomus oblidens* Walker, 1856 and to give the subfamily name ORTHOCLADIINAE Kieffer, 1911 precedence over both ERETMOPTERINAE Kellogg, 1900 and CLUNIONINAE Kieffer, 1906.

Comments on the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Lithocolletis oxyacanthae* Frey, 1855 (currently *Phyllonorycter oxyacanthae*; Insecta, Lepidoptera) by giving it precedence over *Lithocolletis pomonella* Zeller, 1846 (Case 3376; see BZN 64: 96–99)

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I read Paolo Triberti's application (Case 3376) about the synonymy of *Phyllonorycter oxyacanthae* (Frey, 1855) and *Phyllonorycter pomonella* (Zeller, 1846). In my opinion it is correct and in accordance with the Code's recommendations.

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While acting as referees to the paper 'The *Phyllonorycter* species from the Palaearctic Region feeding on ROSACEAE (Lepidoptera, Gracillariidae)' by Paolo Triberti we have pointed to the problem of the misidentification and confusion of three species: *Phyllonorycter oxyacanthae* (Frey, 1855), *P. pomonella* (Zeller, 1846) and a manuscript name *P. hostis* Triberti, 2007 (in press). During our own GRACILLARIIDAE studies, we have encountered the same problem as Triberti, namely the continuous confusion caused in many publications by the name *Lithocolletis pomonella* Zeller, 1846. That name has been applied to various species, e.g. *Phyllonorycter cydoniella* ([Denis & Schiffmüller]), 1775, *P. spinicolella* (Zeller, 1846), and *P. sorbi* (Frey, 1855). *P. oxyacanthae* (Frey, 1855) is a widely spread European species feeding on *Crataegus* spp. and *Pyrus* spp. (32 and 5 citations respectively from the 'Global Taxonomic Database of Gracillariidae (Lepidoptera)' (De Prins & De Prins, 2006), and this name has been used at least in 136 faunistic publications (see *Global Gracillariidae Database at the Royal Museum for Central Africa*, and De Prins & De Prins, 2005). The name *pomonella* Zeller, 1846 was used in at least 79 agricultural publications mainly to indicate a pest species on *Mahus* without any taxonomic background. Therefore, we would like to support the proposition of Paolo Triberti and ask the International Commission on Zoological